

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 192

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Richard Michael Jones, on his selection as Teacher of the Year at Dalewood Middle School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Richard Michael Jones is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ricky Jones has recently been selected Teacher of the Year by Dalewood Middle School, an honor most befitting his outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence he has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, the loving son of Richard and Sherry Jones, Ricky Jones is a graduate of Overton High School; he received his bachelor's degree from Middle Tennessee State University and his master's degree from Trevecca Nazarene College; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones has served with acumen and alacrity as a teacher at Dalewood Middle for five exemplary years; he is dedicated to his students and spends his personal time listening to, mentoring, and advising them; and

WHEREAS, Ricky Jones also lends his time and talents as a coach for the boys' and girls' basketball teams; he led the boys' team to a Division Championship during his first year of coaching; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones is an extremely talented and compassionate educator and coach who works assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ricky Jones truly serves as an inspiration to his colleagues and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Mr. Jones is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship he shares with his wife, Carrie Jones; and

WHEREAS, he truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Richard Michael Jones on his selection as Teacher of the Year at Dalewood Middle School and for his meritorious service to the state of Tennessee and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.